Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

memory configured to store identification data;

a processor configured to receive an incoming signal addressing the apparatus with reference to identification data stored in the memory, wherein entry of a first code is required to make any change to the identification data prior to receiving the incoming signal; and

in response to receiving the incoming signal, the processor is further configured to change the first code to a second code, wherein entry of the second code is required to make any change to the identification data after changing the first code to the second code.

2. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the identification data includes data identifying a particular service provider.

3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus is a radio telephone and the incoming signal addressing the apparatus is a first call received by the apparatus after the apparatus is given a new identity.

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus is a phone and the second code is stored in the phone.

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the second code is specific to the apparatus.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the second code is randomly generated.

7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the first code is specific to the apparatus.

8. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the first code is randomly generated.

9. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the identification data includes mobile identification number (MIN) data.

10-32. (Cancelled).

33. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving an incoming signal addressing a communication device with reference to identification data stored in the memory of the communication device, wherein entry of a first code is required to make any change to the identification data prior to receiving the incoming signal; and

in response to receiving the incoming signal, changing the first code to a second code, wherein entry of the second code is required for making any change to the identification data after changing the first code to the second code.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein in the incoming signal is received upon confirming the communication device is able to receive a call.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the second code is known only to a service provider until a predefined time.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the communication device is a mobile phone and wherein the incoming signal is a first call received by the communication device.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the first call is configured to confirm correct programming of the communication device.

38-40. (Cancelled).

41. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving, at a device, input corresponding to entry of a code;

determining whether the code matches a first code required for programming identification data in the device;

in response to determining that the received code matches the first code required for programming identification data in the device, providing a prompt for entering the identification data;

receiving, at the device, the identification data;

confirming correct programming of the device using the identification data; and

changing the first code to a second code upon confirming correct programming of the device, wherein entry of the second code is required to program the identification data in the device after changing the first code to the second code.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the first code is a subsidy code and wherein the identification data is number assignment module (NAM).

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising resetting an initial programming flag upon confirming the device has been correctly programmed.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the first code and the second code are pre-stored on the device.